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In re Patent Application of:

Jae Seung LEE, et al.

Application No.: 10/644,937

Group Art Unit: 3744

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. ☒ Copy(ies) of IDS citation(s), except for U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application publications.
- 1c. ☐ English language copy of a communication(s) from a foreign Patent Office or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. ☐ English language translation (complete, Abstract or relevant portion(s)) attached to non-English language publications as indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449.
- 1e. ☐ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of non-English publications.
- 1f. ☒ List of Copending Applications (ATTACHMENT 1(f), hereto).
- 1g. ☐ List of Additional Submitted Documents (ATTACHMENT 1(g), hereto).

2. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(b):

(Check either Item 2a or 2b or 2c or 2d)

- 2a. ☐ Within three months of the filing date of a national application;
- 2b. ☐ Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application.
- 2c. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- 2d. ☒ Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114.

3. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the period specified in paragraph 2 above but before the mailing date of any of a Final Office Action under § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, AND
- (Check either Item 3a or 3b; Item 3b to be checked if any reference known for more than 3 months)*
- 3a. ☐ The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; OR
- 3b. ☐ The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is:
- ☐ enclosed.
- ☐ to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.
4. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) after the period specified in paragraph 3 above, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee, AND
- 4a. ☐ The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; AND
- 4b. ☐ The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is:
- ☐ enclosed.
- ☐ to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.
5. ☐ Statement under § 1.97(e) *(applicable if Item 3a or Item 4a is checked)*
- (Check either Item 5a or 5b)*
- 5a. ☐ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), it is stated that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- 5b. ☐ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2), it is stated that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
6. ☐ This is a continuation/divisional/continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).
- (Check appropriate Items 6a and/or 6b)*
- 6a. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were previously cited in prior application Serial No. ___, filed on ___, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, have been omitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d).
- 6b. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. ___, filed on ___, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are provided herewith.

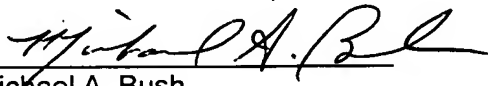
7. ☒ This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.
(Check either Item 7a or 7b)
- 7a. ☒ The Issue Fee has not been paid.
- 7b. ☐ A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee, is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114(a), respectively.
8. ☐ This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
(Check either Item 8a or 8b)
- 8a. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on _____. A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can be considered as if properly filed on _____.
- 8b. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, mailed _____.
9. ☒ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:
(Check appropriate Items 9a, 9b, 9c and/or 9d)
- 9a. ☐ satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) cited on the enclosed "English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office". (See MPEP § 609, Minimum Requirements for an Information Disclosure Statement, Part A(3): Concise Explanation of Relevance, 8th Ed., Rev. 2)
- 9b. ☐ set forth in the application.
- 9c. ☐ satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449 as having an English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) attached thereto.
- 9d. ☒ enclosed as Attachment 1(e), hereto.
10. No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made (other than search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report, if submitted herewith). 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h).

11. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17 for this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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FORM PTO-1449	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 1594.1272	APPLICATION NO. 10/644,937
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>		FIRST NAMED INVENTOR Jae Seung LEE, et al.	
		FILING DATE August 21, 2003	GROUP PART UNIT 3744

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
	AA	2,812,642	November 12, 1957	J. Jacobs			
	AB	3,126,716	March 31, 1964	J. Witte			
	AC	3,590,594	July 1969	Arend			
	AD	3,745,786	July 1973	Laughlin et al.			
	AE	3,834,176	September 1974	Clarke			
	AF	3,893,307	July 1975	Jacobs			
	AG	3,992,171	November 1976	Jenewein			
	AH	4,741,175	May 1988	Schulze			
	AI	6,464,312	October 15, 2002	Tenhundfeld			
	AJ	2002/0117949	August 29, 2002	Banicevic et al.			
	AK	2004/0041503	March 2004	J. Lee			
	AL	5,730,516	March 1998	M. Vismara			
	AM	3,984,223	October 1976	Whistler Jr.			
	AN	2,450,844	October 1948	F. Stuart			
	AO	5,368,381	November 1994	S. Mandel			
	AP	3,405,987	October 1968	J. Pulaski			
	AQ	2004/0040338	March 2004	Lee et al.			
	AR	2004/0139763	July 2004	Jeong et al.			
	AS	2004/0163408	August 2004	Kim et al.			
	AT	2004/0144130	July 2004	S. Jung			
	AU	5,564,808	October 1996	Gipson et al.			
	AV	6,036,294	March 2000	Banicevic et al.			
	AW	5,584,551	December 1996	T. Jenkins			
	AX	4,822,117	April 1989	R. Boston Jr.			

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	AY	6,056,383	May 2000	Banicevic et al.			
	AZ	2,815,649	December 1957	Di Angelus et al.			
	BA	3,489,477	January 1970	A.Harder Jr.			
	BB	4,076,350	February 1978	N. Crist			
	BC	3,620,404	November 1971	J. Grasso			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	<u>TRANSLATION</u> YES NO		ABSTRACT
	BD	1999-019291	March 15, 1999	Korea		X	
	BE	10-0288258	February 5, 2001	Korea		X	
	BF	0361307	April 4, 1990	EPO			
	BH	1079187	February 28, 2001	EPO			
	BI	0382963	August 22, 1990	EPO			

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<p>*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.</p>	

EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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Korean No. 1999-19291

Title: Compressor of Refrigerator

Abstract: A refrigerator includes a chamber disposed on an upper portion of the refrigerator, a support formed in the chamber, and a compressor mounted on the support.

Korean No. 10-288258

Title: Cooling Air Circulating Apparatus in Side-By-Side Type Refrigerator

Abstract: A cooling air circulating apparatus includes an evaporator disposed on an upper side of a freezing compartment, a through hole formed between a refrigerating compartment and the freezing compartment, and a fan installed in the refrigerating compartment

**ATTACHMENT 1(f)****LIST OF COPENDING APPLICATIONS**

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The following, prior-filed, copending U.S. patent application(s) is/are listed in accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, so that the Examiner may consider same should he deem any thereof to be material to examination of the subject application. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the identified copending application(s) is provided, UNLESS DOMESTIC PRIORITY IS CLAIMED THEREON UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120 AND/OR THE APPLICATION IS PUBLISHED. 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(II),(III) AND 1.98(3)(d)(1).

It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge his consideration of application(s) below-listed by initialling same in the space provided adjacent each such application and that the Examiner sign and date this form at the bottom thereof to confirm such consideration having been given.

This submission in no way represents an admission that any of the information listed herein constitutes prior art with respect to the subject application; and unless and until such prior art status is established, this submission is not a request that the information presented herein be printed on the face of any patent issuing from the subject application in which this information is being filed.

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	1	10/644,961	August 21, 2003	Lee et al.	SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.
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